

AGN. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION BY SUPERVISORS GLORIA MOLINA AND  
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**SUBSTITUTION TO ITEM #11 (SGV TRAUMA)**

For over a year, the Board of Supervisors, in partnership with the San Gabriel Council of Governments, and other County and City leaders from local fire and law enforcement agencies, reviewed efforts to have a private hospital in the East San Gabriel Valley area as a trauma center system. These efforts have focused on the re-entering of Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center. It was reported by Pomona Hospital that it is not feasible to re-enter the County’s trauma system, due to the lack of physician and nurse specialists necessary for trauma designation, the hospital’s capacity and infrastructure, and the high cost of re-entering and sustaining a dedicated trauma center. It is commendable that Pomona Hospital conducted the feasibility study to assist political leaders in the East San Gabriel Valley, to better understand the hospital’s concerns in re-entering the trauma system.

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Although a dedicated private trauma center in the San Gabriel Valley is not feasible at this time, this Board is working on an alternative solution that includes: a) designating a Fire Department paramedic helicopter, 24-hour, seven-days-a-week, to strengthen our trauma preparedness network to the region, and b) designating LAC+USC Medical Center as the primary trauma center that will receive trauma patients from those areas not covered by Huntington Memorial Hospital trauma center.

San Gabriel Valley residents are often transported by ambulance ground transport (75% of transports) to LAC+USC Medical Center in Boyle Heights, but air transported patients (25% of transports) are sent to various trauma centers on a rotating basis. It is imperative that the East San Gabriel Valley has around-the-clock airlift capabilities, with a primary trauma hospital dedicated to serve the community.

**WE, THEREFORE MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Los Angeles County Fire Chief and the Director of the Department of Health Services' Emergency Medical Services Agency to designate a 24-hour, seven-days-a week Fire Department paramedic air squad helicopter for the East San Gabriel Valley; and allocate annually \$450,000 in Measure B funds to support this program expansion.
2. Direct the Emergency Medical Services Agency to designate LAC+USC Medical Center as the primary trauma center for any portions of the San Gabriel Valley that are not covered by Huntington Memorial Hospital's trauma center.

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